

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00 A.M. with Holliday, Sauer, Mather and Sorensen present. Saucedo was absent. Chairperson Sauer presiding.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

Christy Roby-Williams reviewed the FY22/23 budget requests for Public Health stating a two percent increase over the current fiscal year's budget is included.

Conservation Director Curt Weiss reviewed the FY22/23 budget request stating there is an increase for supplies and wages for summer workers, cabin cleaner, part-time nature center employee, additional park officer and training costs for a new director due to upcoming retirement in 2023.

County Sheriff Quinn Riess reviewed the FY22/23 budget requests for Sheriff and Jail. Riess stated the patrol and investigations salaries and benefits reflect the departments are fully staffed and the budget shows an increase for training and education. Riess stated the motor vehicle budget includes the replacement of three Dodge Chargers. Riess stated an additional revenue line has been added for civil papers served for the County Attorney's office. Riess stated the \$2,000 secret investigations budget is for potential surcharges for child interviews at \$250 per interview with the local child protection service. Riess stated the Sheriff and Jail budget both have a decrease for telephone service as the service has been moved to the Information Service's budget. Riess stated a revenue increase for federal prisoners is predicted and is reflected in the budget. Riess stated hiring the four full-time Transport Officers over the past year has been advantageous to the department.

Budget Administrator Sherry Seright reviewed the FY22/23 budget requests for Capital Projects stating budgeting includes the courthouse elevator repair, courthouse tower roof and jail irrigation system. Seright recommended a review of the county engineer's buildings and staff assignments for future budgets. In discussion with the Board, Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber recommended a review of the current County Engineer job description, as retirement may occur within the year. Seright stated the Muscatine-Island Levee project with its various phases may require a study or an experienced consultant to oversee the project.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated Muscatine Power & Water (MPW) sent an email regarding American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) for funding assistance for expansion of fiber into rural areas of the county. Schreiber stated MPW is asking to formally present their request to the Board on January 17, 2022. The Board consensus was to notify MPW the January 17, 2022 presentation is not needed as the ARPA Request form should be submitted by the January 13, 2022 deadline and all requests will be reviewed with the March 15, 2022 certification deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors